

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8, and cancel claims 3-4 and 9-10 and 12 as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.(Currently Amended) A method for alerting security personnel and bystanders that a person is missing using a computer network including a plurality of reporting stations each including a display and a powerhorn, and a plurality of registration stations each including a camera and fingerprint scanner, and a network server in wireless communication with all of said reporting stations and registration stations, comprising the steps of:

collecting registration information from a person at one of said registration stations, said collecting further comprising the substeps of, photographing one or more images of a person using said camera; obtaining a fingerprint of said person from said fingerprint scanner; converting said fingerprint to a digital record; recording said images and digital fingerprint record electronically; collecting and recording identifying information related to said person and a guardian or responsible person;

transferring said identifying information and registration information including said recorded images to a portable storage medium;

transferring said recorded images and identifying information to a said system server on-demand;

processing and storing said recorded images and identifying information in a data file; and

receiving a notification that said person is missing; upon receipt of said lost person notification, broadcasting said images and digital fingerprint to all of said plurality of reporting stations, displaying said images to the general public on the display of all of said reporting stations whilst simultaneously announcing an alert on the powerhorn in hope that said public will locate and return the lost person to said guardian or responsible person; and

displaying said recorded image on a plurality of display monitors at multiple locations providing said fingerprint to proper authorities if said lost person is not returned.

2.(Cancelled)

3.(Currently Amended) The method for alerting security personnel and bystanders that a person is missing of claim 1, further comprising the step of printing a label at a registration station bearing said identifying information related to said person and attaching said label to said portable storage media.

4.(Cancelled)

5.(Originally Presented) The method for alerting security personnel and bystanders that a person is missing of claim 1, further comprising the step of erasing the data

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from the portable storage media.

6.(Currently Amended) A lost person notification system for alerting security personnel and bystanders that a person is missing comprising:

a plurality of reporting stations each including a computer, display and powerhorn;

a plurality of registration stations each including a computer, cameras for photographing and recording one or more images of a person, personal identification forms, and portable storage medium;

data handler software;  
data compression modules;  
resident on a system server;  
personal computers;  
display monitors;  
network protocol; and  
notification software.

7.(Currently Amended) The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said data handler software comprises:

a data collection module;  
data compression software;  
a database; and  
a data transfer module.

8.(Currently Amended) The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said data compression software compresses the fingerprint and full-body photograph images into smaller records than the face photograph image.

9.(Cancelled)

10.(Cancelled)

11.(Originally Presented) The lost person notification system of claim 6 further comprising a public address amplifier.

12.(Cancelled) The lost person notification system of claim 6 further comprising a power horn.

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13. (Originally Presented) The lost person notification system of claim 6 further comprising a smart card reader.

14. (Originally Presented) The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said portable storage medium is a conventional smart card and associated smart card reader.

15. (Originally Presented) The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said portable storage medium is a flash memory.

16. (Originally Presented) The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said data handler software further comprises a label printer.

17. (Originally Presented) The lost person notification system of claim 6 wherein said network protocol is a standard wireless protocol.

18. Originally Presented) The lost person notification system of claim 6 further comprising a wireless access point (WAP) device.